

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Prairie Pages Bookseller is an independent locally-owned book store which has been in business in downtown Pierre since 2006; and,

*Whereas*, Prairie Pages Bookseller owners Peggy Stout and Kathy Villa have created an inviting atmosphere in their store for customers of all ages, promote reading opportunities for youth with a special area set aside for young children, and a room devoted to books and products for young adults. Peggy, Kathy, and their staff are known for their outstanding customer service; and,

*Whereas*, Peggy and Kathy enhance the local culture through special events at their store including book signings, story time for children, gallery shows for artists, and other activities. They maintain a thriving, vibrant store that draws customers to downtown Pierre and boosts the local economy; and,

*Whereas*, Peggy and Kathy are contributing to the vitality of other businesses in the state with the establishment of a South Dakota room in their store which is devoted to sales of books, artwork, food, and greeting cards created in South Dakota; and

*Whereas*, Peggy and Kathy continued operating their store from behind a wall of sandbags in the summer of 2011, and showed fortitude and resilience when facing Missouri River flood challenges both at home and at work, and;

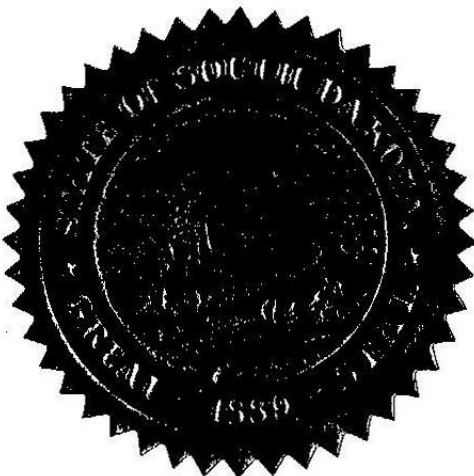
*Whereas*, Peggy, Kathy, and Prairie Pages Bookseller represent the very best in retailing; and

*Whereas*, The South Dakota Retailers Association has presented the 2012 Retailer of the Year Award to Peggy Stout and Kathy Villa of Prairie Pages Bookseller:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 9, 2012, as

## *PEGGY STOUT & KATHY VILLA DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State